

MOW

Having frequently in our *months* the name eternity, we think we have a positive idea of it. *Locke.*
There is a certain sentence got into every man's *mouth*, that God accepts the will for the deed. *South's Sermons.*
4. A speaker; a rhetorician; the principal orator. In burlesque language.
Every coffee-house has some particular statesman belonging to it, who is the *mouth* of the street where he lives. *Add.*
5. Cry; voice.

Coward dogs
Most spend their *mouths*, when what they seem to threaten
Runs far before them. *Shakespeare's Henry V.*

The boar
Deals glancing wounds; the fearful dogs divide,
All spend their *mouth* aloft, but none abide. *Dryden.*
You don't now thunder in the capitol,
With all the *mouths* of Rome to second thee. *Addison.*
6. Distortion of the mouth; wry face, in this sense, is said to make *mouths*.

Perfervent, counterfeit sad looks,
Make *mouths* upon me when I turn my back. *Shakespeare.*
Against whom make ye a wide *mouth*, and draw out the tongue?
Why they should keep running asses at Colehill, or how making *mouths* turns to account in Warwickshire more than any other parts of England, I cannot comprehend. *Addison.*
7. *Down in the Mouth.* Dejected; clouded in the countenance.

But, upon bringing the net ashore, it proved to be only one great stone, and a few little fishes: upon this disappointment they were *down in the mouth*. *L'Estrange.*
To *MOUTH*. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To speak big; to speak in a strong and loud voice; to vociferate.

Nay, an thou'lt *mouth*
I'll rant as well as thou. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*
When Progne's or Thyestes' feast they write,
And for the *mouth* actor verse indite;
Thou neither like a bellows swell'st thy face,
Nor canst thou strain thy throat. *Dryden's Persius.*
I'll bellow out for Rome, and for my country,
And *mouth* at Cæsar till I shake the senate. *Addison.*

To *MOUTH*. *v. a.*
1. To utter with a voice affectedly big; to roll in the mouth with tumult.
Speak the speech as I pronounced it, trippingly on the tongue: but if you *mouth* it, I had as lieve the town-crier had spoke my lines. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*

'Twith'd by the sleeve he *mouths* it more and more,
Till with white froth his gown is slaver'd o'er. *Dryden.*
2. To chew; to eat; to grind in the mouth.

Come carried let such as be poorer go and glean,
And after thy cattle to *mouth* it up clean. *Tusser's Husb.*
Death lines his dead chaps with steel,
The swords of soldiers are his teeth, his phangs;
And now he feasts *mouth*ing the flesh of men. *Shakespeare.*

3. To seize in the mouth.
He keeps them, like an apple, in the corner of his jaw;
first *mouth'd* to be last swallow'd. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*
Lucilius never fear'd the times;
Mutius and Lupus both by name he brought,
He *mouth'd* them, and betwixt his grinders caught. *Dryden.*

4. To form by the mouth.
In regard the cub comes forth involved in the chorion, a thick membrane obscuring the formation, and which the dam doth after tear asunder; the beholder at first sight imputes the ensuing form to the *mouth*ing of the dam. *Br. Vulgar Err.*

Mo'UTHED. *adj.* [from *mouth*.]
1. Furnished with a mouth.

One tragick sentence if I dare deride,
Which Betterton's grave action dignify'd,
Or well *mouth'd* Booth with emphasis proclaims. *Pope.*

2. In composition, foul *mouthed* or contumelious; mealy *mouthed* or halfful; and a hard *mouthed* horse, or a horse not obedient to the bit.

Mo'UTH-FRIEND. *n. f.* [*mouth* and *friend*.] One who professes friendship without intending it.

May you a better feast never behold,
You knot of *mouth-friends*: smoke and lukewarm water.
Is your perfection. *Shakespeare.*

Mo'UTHFUL. *n. f.* [*mouth* and *full*.]
1. What the mouth contains at once.

2. Any proverbially small quantity.
A goat going out for a *mouthful* of fresh grass, charged her kid not to open the door till she came back. *L'Estrange.*
You to your own Aquinum shall repair,
To take a *mouthful* of sweet country air. *Dryden's Juv.*

Mo'UTH-HONOUR. *n. f.* [*mouth* and *honour*.] Civility outwardly expressed without sincerity.

Honour, love, obedience, troops of friends,
I must not look to have; but in their stead,
Cries not loud but deep, *mouth-honour*, breath. *Shakespeare.*
Mo'UTHLESS. *adj.* [from *mouth*.] Without a mouth.

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Mow. *n. f.* [mope; Saxon, a heap.] A loft or chamber where hay or corn is laid up: hay in *mow*, is hay laid up in a house; hay in *rick*, is hay heaped together in a field.

Learn skillfulle how
Each grain for to laie by itself on a *mow*. *Tusser's Husb.*
Where'er I gad, I blouzelind shall view,
Woods, dairy, barn, and *mow*s our passion knew. *Gen.*
Beans when moist give in the *mow*. *Mortimer's Husb.*
To Mow. *v. a.* preter. *mowed*, part. *mown*. [mopan, Saxon, *Mow* the noun is pronounced as *mow*; *mow* verb as *mo*.]
1. To cut with a scythe.

Of all the feed that in my youth was sowne,
Was nought but brakes and brambles to be *mown*. *Spenser.*
The care you have
To *mow* down thorns that would annoy our foot,
Is worthy praise. *Shakespeare's Henry VI. p. iii.*

Forth he goes,
Like to a harvest man, that's talk'd to *mow*
Or all, or lose his hire. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*
It was the latter growth after the king's *mowings*. *Anon.*

Whatever
The scythe of time *mows* down, devour unspar'd. *Milton.*
Beat, roll and *mow* carpet-walks and cammome. *Evelyn.*
2. To cut down with speed and violence.

He will *mow* down all before him, and leave his passage
poll'd. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*
What valiant foemen, like to autumn's corn,
Have we *mow'd* down. *Shakespeare's Henry VI.*

Thou and I, marching before our troops,
May taste fate to 'em; *mow* 'em out a passage,
Begin the noble harvest of the field. *Dryden's All for Love.*
Stands o'er the prostrate wretch, and as he lays,
Vain tales inventing, and prepar'd to pray,
Mows off his head. *Dryden's En.*

To Mow. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To put in a *mow*.
To Mow. *v. n.* To gather the harvest.

Gold, though the heaviest metal, hither swims:
Ours is the harvest where the Indians *mow*,
We plough the deep, and reap what others sow. *Waller.*

Mow. *n. f.* [probably corrupted from *mouth*; *mois*, French.] Wry mouth; distorted face. This word is now out of use, but retained in Scotland.

The very subjects came together against me unawares,
making *mows* at me. *Psal. xxxv. 15. Common Prayer.*
Apes and monkeys,
'Twixt two such she's, would chatter this way, and
Contemn with *mows* the other. *Shakespeare's Cymbeline.*

Those that would make *mows* at him while my father lived,
give twenty ducats apiece for his picture in little. *Shakespeare.*
To Mow. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To make *mows*; to distort the face.

Some Smithfield ruffian takes up some new *mowing* with
the mouth, some wrenching with the shoulder, some fresh,
new oath, that is not stale, but will run round in the mouth.
Acham's Schoolmaster.

Mohu, of murder; and Flibbertigibbet, of mopping and *mowing*.
For every trifle are they set upon me;
Sometimes like apes that *mow* and chatter at me,
And after bite me. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*

To Mo'WURN. *v. n.* [*mow* and *burn*.] To torment and heat in the *mow* for want of being dry.

House it not green, lest it *mowburn*. *Mortimer's Husb.*
Mo'WER. *n. f.* [from *mow*.] One who cuts with a scythe.
Set *mowers* a mowing, where meadow is grown. *Tusser.*
The strawy Greeks, ripe for his edge,
Fall down before him like the *mower's* swath. *Shakespeare.*

All else cut off,
As Tarquin did the poppy-heads, or *mowers*
A field of thistles. *Benj. Johnson's Catiline.*

Mowers and reapers, who spend the most part of the hot
Summer days exposed to the sun, have the skin of their hands
of a darker colour than before. *Bp.*

Mo'XA. *n. f.* An Indian morsel, used in the cure of the gout by burning it on the part aggrieved.

Mo'YLE. *n. f.* A mule; an animal generated between the horse and the ass.

Ordinary husbandmen should quit breeding of horses, and betake themselves to *moyles*; a beast which will fare hardly, live very long, draw indifferently well, carry great burthens, and hath also a pace swift and easy enough. *Carew.*

'Twould tempt a *moyle* to fury.

Much. *adj.* [mycker, Swedish; *muchs*, Spanish.] Large in quantity; long in time; many in number.

Let us know
If 'twill tie up thy discontented sword,
And carry back to Sicily *much* tall youth,
That else must perish here. *Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra.*
Thou shalt carry *much* seed out, and shalt gather but little
in; for the locust shall consume it. *Deut. xxiv. 38.*
I am well served, to take so *much* pains for one resolved to
make away with himself. *L'Estrange.*

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You were pressed for the sea-service, and got off with
much ado. *Swift's Rules to Servants.*

Much. *adv.*
1. In a great degree; by far.

Isaac, thou art *much* mightier than we. *Gen. xxvi. 16.*
Excellent speech becometh not a fool, *much* less do lying
lips a prince. *Prov. xvii. 17.*

We have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not *much* rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? *Heb. xii. 9.*
If they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth, *much* more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. *Heb. xii. 25.*

Somewhat aw'd, I shook with holy fear,
Yet not so *much* but that I noted well
Who did the most in song and dance excel. *Dryden.*

2. To a certain degree.
He charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so *much* the more a great deal they published it. *Musk vii. 36.*

3. To a great degree.
So spake, so with'd *much* humbled Eve, but fate
Subscrib'd not. *Milt.*
To thee thy *much*-afflicted mother flies,
And on thy succour and thy faith relies. *Dryden.*

Your *much*-lov'd feet shall fond
Besiege the petty monarchs of the land. *Dryden.*
If his rules of reason be not better than his rules for health,
he is not like to be *much* followed. *Baker's Ref. on Learning.*

Oh *much* experienc'd man!
Sad from my natal hour my days have ran,
A *much* afflicted, much enduring man. *Pope's Odyssey.*

4. Often, or long.
You pine, you languish, love to be alone,
Think *much*, speak little, and in speaking, sigh. *Dryden.*
Homer shall last, like Alexander, long,
As *much* recorded, and as often sung. *Granville.*

5. Nearly.
All left the world *much* as they found it, ever inquisit, subject to changes and revolutions. *Temple.*

Much. *n. f.*
1. A great deal; multitude in number; abundance in quantity.

They gathered against Moses and Aaron, and said, Ye take too *much* upon you. *Num. xvi. 3.*
Nor grudge I thee the *much* the Grecians give,
Nor murr'ring take the little I receive. *Dryden's Iliad.*
They have *much* of the poetry of Mecænas, but little of his liberality. *Dryden's Pref. to All for Love.*

The fate of love is such,
That still it fees too little or too *much*. *Dryden.*
Much suff'ring heroes next their honours claim;
Those of less noisy and less guilty fame,
Fair virtue's silent train. *Pope's Temple of Fame.*

2. More than enough; a heavy service or burthen.
Thou think'st it *much* to tread the ooze
Of the salt deep. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*
He thought not *much* to clothe his enemies. *Milton.*

This gracious act the ladies all approve,
Who thought it *much* a man should die for love,
And with their mistresses join'd in close debate. *Dryden.*

3. Any assignable quantity or degree.
The waters covered the chariots and horsemen; there remained not so *much* as one. *Exod. xiv. 28.*
We will cut wood out of Lebanon as *much* as thou shalt need. *2 Chron. ii. 16.*

The matter of the universe was created before the flood; and if any more was created, then there must be as *much* annihilated to make room for it. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*

Who is there of whom we can with any rational assurance, or perhaps so *much* as likelihood, affirm, here is a man whose nature is renewed, whose heart is changed. *South's Sermons.*

4. An uncommon thing; something strange.
It was *much* that one that was so great a lover of peace should be happy in war. *Bacon's Henry VII.*
It is *much*, if men were from eternity, that they should not find out the way of writing all that long duration which had past before that time. *Tillotson's Sermons.*

5. To make *Much* of. To treat with regard; to fondle; to pamper.

Though he knew his discourse was to entertain him from a more straight parley, yet he durst not but kiss his rod, and gladly make *much* of that entertainment which the allotted unto him. *Sidney, b. ii.*

The king understanding of their adventure, suddenly falls to take a pride in making *much* of them, extolling them with infinite praises. *Sidney, b. ii.*

When thou camest first,
Thou stroak'd'st, and mad'st *much* of me; and would'st
give me
Water with berries in't. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*

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Much at one. Of equal value; of equal influence.
Then prayers are vain as curses, *much* at one. *Dryden.*
In a slave's mouth, against a monarch's pow'r.

Mu'CHWHAT. *adv.* [*much* and *what*.] Nearly.
The motion being conveyed from the brain of man to the fancy of another, it is there received; and the same kind of strings being moved, and *muchwhat* after the same manner as in the first imaginant. *Glanville's Seep. c. 24.*

The bigness of her body and bill, as likewise the form of them, is *muchwhat* as swallows. *More's Antidote ag. Atheism.*
If we will disbelieve every thing, because we cannot certainly know all things, we shall do *muchwhat* as wisely as he who would not use his legs because he had no wings to fly. *Locke.*

Unless he can prove cælibatum a man or a woman, this Latin will be *muchwhat* the same with a solecism. *Atterbury.*
Mu'CHEL. *adj.* for *muckle* or *mickle*. [mycel, Saxon.] Much.

He had in arms abroad won *muchel* fame,
And fill'd far lands with glory of his might. *Fairy Queen.*
Mu'CID. *n. f.* [*mucidus*, Lat. *mnere*, Fr.] Slimy; multy.

Mu'CIDNESS. *n. f.* [from *mucid*.] Sliminess; multiness. *Anf.*
Mu'CILAGE. *n. f.* [*mucilage*, French.] A slimy or viscous body; a body with moisture sufficient to hold it together.

Dissolution of gum tragacanth, and oil of sweet almonds, do conmingle, the oil remaining on the top till they be stirred, and make the *mucilage* somewhat more liquid. *Bacon.*
Your salernus seed move with a broom, that the seeds clog not together, unless you will separate it from the *mucilage*, for then you must a little bruise it wet. *Evelyn.*

Both the ingredients improve one another; for the *mucilage* adds to the lubricity of the oil, and the oil preserves the *mucilage* from inspissation. *Ray on the Creation.*

Mu'CILAGINOUS. *adj.* [*mucilagineus*, French, from *mucilage*.] Slimy; viscous; soft with some degree of tenacity.

There is a twofold liquor prepared for the injection and lubrication of the heads or ends of the bones: an oily one, furnished by the marrow; and a *mucilaginous*, supplied by certain glandules seated in the articulations. *Ray on Creation.*

There is a sort of magnetism in all, not *mucilaginous* but resinous gums, even in common rosin. *Grew's Cefmol.*

Mu'CILAGINOUS glands are of two sorts; some are small, and in a manner miliary glands, because glandules are placed all upon the same surface of the membranes which lie over the articulations; the other sort are conglomerated, or many glandules collected and planted one upon another, so as to make a bulk appear conspicuously. *Quincy.*

Mu'CILAGINOUSNESS. *n. f.* [from *mucilaginous*.] Sliminess; viscosity.

Muck. *n. f.* [meon, Saxon; *myer*, Islandick.]
1. Dung for manure of grounds.

Hale out thy *muck*, and plow out thy ground. *Tusser.*
It is usual to help the ground with *muck*, and likewise to recomfort with *muck* put to the roots; but to water it with *muck* water, which is like to be more forcible, is not practised. *Bacon's Nat. Hist. N°. 403.*

The swine may see the pearl, which yet he values but with the ordinary *muck*. *Glanville's Apology.*

There are, who
Rich foreign mold, on their ill-natur'd land
Induce laborious, and with fat'ning *muck*
Besmear the roots. *Philips.*

Morning insects that in *muck* begun,
Shine, buzz and fly-blow in the setting sun. *Pope.*

2. Any thing low, mean, and filthy.
Reward of worldly *muck* doth foully blend,
And low abase the high heroic spirit
That joys for crowns. *Fairy Queen, b. ii.*

3. To run a *Muck*, signifies, I know not from what derivation, to run madly and attack all that we meet.
Frontless and satire-proof he scow'rs the streets,
And runs on Indian *muck* at all he meets. *Dryden.*
Satire's my weapon, but I am too discreet
To run a *muck*, and tilt at all I meet. *Pope's Horace.*

To Muck. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To manure with *muck*; to dung.

Thy garden plot lately wel trenched and *muckt*
Would now be twifallow'd. *Tusser.*
Mu'CKENDER. *n. f.* [*muckair*, French; *mucadero*, Spanish; *mucinum*, low Latin.] A handkerchief.

For thy dull fancy a *muckender* is fit,
To wipe the flabbings of thy snotty wit. *Dorset.*
To Mu'CKER. *v. n.* [from *muck*.] To scramble for money; to hoard up; to get or save meanly: a word used by Chaucer, and still retained in conversation.

Mu'CKERER. *n. f.* [from *mucker*.] One that muckers.
Mu'CKHILL. *n. f.* [*muck* and *hill*.] A dunghill.
Old Enclo in Plautus, as he went from home, seeing a crowkram upon the *muck-hill*, returned in all haste, taking it for an ill sign his money was digged up. *Burton.*

Mu'CKINESS.